

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application:	10/736,421	Examiner:	Williams, Catherine Serke
Filed:	December 15, 2003	Art Unit:	3763
Inventor:	Freeman, et al.	Atty Ref.:	END5051USNP-0515141
Title:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE IMPLANTATION OF BIOMATERIAL		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

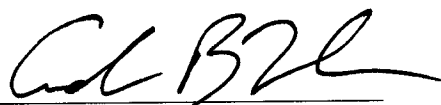
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 07/13/2007.

Applicant submits that it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction were not required. Nevertheless, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-47), with traverse, and without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of Group II at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,



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